

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 24 DECEMBER 1999

CEFMS:

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. On 20 December 1999 we received follow-up questions from the CEFMS Penetration testing being performed by PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) for USAAA as a part of the FY 99 CFO audit. Some of the questions/comments were related to events that occurred during development and deployment, which we addressed upon receipt. The most "serious" of the questions relate to the use of "public links" between CEFMS databases. This is the technique we use to retrieve and pass the data for disbursing. PWC also cited 7 other instances of the use of public links by USACE districts and elements which we, CEFMS, do not have the authority to control or restrict. The PWC observations highlight the requirement for a USACE wide policy on the use of the "public links" technology. The proponent for that policy will need to be the Chief Information Officer. We are contacting that organization to schedule a meeting with the DIM to review the information we have.

We deployed a different technique for the database links CEFMS uses to pass the automated MIPR information between CEFMS databases. We believe that technique has very high potential for a much broader application within USACE but it will take some time and funds to make the programming changes.

b. Other CEFMS Issues:

(1) We released a new Warehouse Reconciliation Report, which will help CEFMS sites reconcile their warehouse subsidiary records with the warehouse general ledger accounts. This Reconciliation Report was programmed to apply to all appropriations even though currently, USACE only has warehouses funded by the Revolving Fund and by Civil appropriations. This programming will support a military funded warehouse - if one were established at a future date.

(2) The USAAA CFO Audit Team that has been in Huntsville since early December returned to their regular duty stations. We anticipate a few follow up questions in early January.

(3) We released a revised version of the Unliquidated Obligation (ULO) Report which makes this process much more

efficient as to computer usage/run time. Now all data is generated at the same time and the computer run time has been reduced from 3 to 10 hours to less than 30 minutes.

(4) System changes were required/released to allow the Time and Attendance data for Pay Periods Ending 18 December 1999 and 01 January 2000 to be transmitted early in accordance with the DFAS Y2K requirement. This effort required rapid changes to some complicated CEFMS/CETAL programs. Time and attendance data for both pay periods has been transmitted with very minor difficulty. This was an outstanding effort by our CEFMS functional and contract programmer to get this change accomplished in such a short time.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 768 versus 762 on the last report. The inventory includes 81 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 2 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Forty-two (42) of the sixty-two databases have no imbalances, nine (9) have one, three (3) have two, an additional six (6) sites have nine or less, and only two sites have ten or more. The grand total of database imbalances across the system is 65 versus 49 on the last report.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

-----CURRENT SCHEDULE COMPLETE-----

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	27
Millington	288
Washington	1
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	2
Total	319

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 11/30/99	Current Month	Year To Date
BY CHECK:			

Checks Issued	51,705	26,717	78,422
Percent of Total	54%	51%	53%
Dollar Amount	\$559,726,911	\$342,897,247	\$902,624,158

BY EFT:

Transfers Made	44,747	25,697	70,444
Percent of Total	46%	49%	47%
Dollar Amount	\$801,226,837	\$524,208,103	\$1,325,434,940

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. The UFC has continued to implement our operating plan for civilian pay processing for Y2K. We have successfully transmitted the Time and Attendance data for the two pay periods, PPE 18 December 1999 and PPE 1 January 2000, which were required to be completed/transmitted early in accordance with the DFAS plan for Y2K. We experienced very few problems related to these transmissions.

b. We recently completed updating the USACE Finance Center Policy for reacting to Inclement Weather. All employees were notified of the update and the location of the policy on our web site. Although we are located on a military base we have our own policy because based on our prior experience the Navy doesn't make a call on the weather until most of our people are scheduled to be at work. We found this to be unacceptable and putting our employees at risk since a lot of our folks are driving 30-35 miles and leaving home as early as 0530 hours. We consult with the Navy and the Federal Executive Agency Board for the greater Memphis area, but we make the call.